

# Migrant Resource Council Release

## End-of-Season MRC Reports & Conference Call

The summer has flown by! Thank you for all your hard work! The Office of Migrant Affairs would like all MRCs to submit an End-of-Season Report, and invites all officers to participate on a conference call/season debrief in late October.

- End-of-Season Report. Please include the following information for 2013: Total number of meetings, number of agencies participating on the MRC, recap of any Grower Meetings or special events, summary of MRC finances, and any other noteworthy information, such as new agency partners this year. Please send to [schairerm1@michigan.gov](mailto:schairerm1@michigan.gov) by October 15. If you plan to have meetings after that date, please include in the meeting count.
- Season Debrief. All officers, including treasurers and secretaries, are invited to participate on a conference call that will serve as a season debrief. The call will be late October—please watch for information on date, time and call-in information.
- Farmworker Conference. Please note that a Farmworker Conference will not be held this year due to budget and other factors. We are exploring conference options for 2014. We will keep you informed. Thank you again for your dedication to our farmworker families!

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## Calendar of Events

Event	Location	Date	Time
Northwest MI MRC Meeting	MIWorks Office, Traverse City	9/4/13	9:30 a.m.
IMSC Meeting	Holy Family Church, Sparta	9/10/13	9:30 a.m.
Mid-Michigan MRC Meeting	Contact Aileen Waldron, <a href="mailto:aileen.waldron@mi.usda.gov">aileen.waldron@mi.usda.gov</a>	9/12/13	10:00 a.m.
Southwestern MI MRC Meeting	InterCare, Benton Harbor	9/13/13	9:00 a.m.
26th Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-Off Program/Luncheon	Lenawee ISD, Lenawee	9/16/13	11:30 a.m.
West Michigan MRC Meeting	District 10 Health Dept, Hart	9/19/13	9:30 a.m.
Great Lakes MRC Meeting	Saginaw DHS, Saginaw	9/19/13	10:00 a.m.
Southeastern MI MRC Meeting	Lenawee ISD, Lenawee	9/23/13	1:30 p.m.
Sparta Area MRC Meeting	Holy Family Church, Sparta	9/24/13	10:00 a.m.
Capitol Area MRC Meeting	Contact Jodi Groth, <a href="mailto:jgroth@telamon.org">jgroth@telamon.org</a>	9/25/13	10:00 a.m.
Allegan/Ottawa/Barry MRC Meeting	A&L Farms, West Olive	9/26/13	1:30 p.m.

## Featured Agency: Michigan State University Extension

Michigan State University Extension helps individuals improve their lives by bringing the vast knowledge and resources of MSU directly to the community. Each county has an MSU Extension office with staff, educators, and agricultural agents.

With their wealth of knowledge about crop conditions, labor needs, and agricultural research, MSU Extension faculty and staff are ideal MRC partners. MSU Extension supports Michigan's agriculture by working with farmers to protect the environment, ensure food safety, and reach new markets through applied research. MSU Extension agriculture experts can be helpful to the MRCs by updating members on crop conditions, labor needs, and agricultural trends.

For additional information, please visit their website at <http://msue.anr.msu.edu/>. To connect with MSU extension faculty and staff in your MRC's service area, visit <http://expert.msue.msu.edu/>, or call toll free 1-888-678-3464 and follow the prompts to reach an MSU Extension county office.



## Excerpts of Michigan Fishing Guide Now Available in Spanish

Each year the Michigan Department of Natural Resources produces a Fishing Guide with all fishing rules and regulations. New for 2013, the DNR has provided excerpts of the Guide in Spanish.

"Extractos de la Guía de Pesca en Michigan" is a four-page document available online for printing, both in Spanish: [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/Extractos\\_de\\_la\\_Gua\\_de\\_Pesca\\_en\\_Michigan-FINAL\\_430075\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/Extractos_de_la_Gua_de_Pesca_en_Michigan-FINAL_430075_7.pdf) and its English translation: [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/English\\_to\\_Spanish\\_Fishing\\_Regulations-FINAL\\_430073\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/English_to_Spanish_Fishing_Regulations-FINAL_430073_7.pdf).

The document includes the following excerpts from the 2013 Michigan Fishing Guide: fishing license requirements and special provisions, purchasing a fishing license, qualifying for a resident fishing license, hook-and-line fishing, Free Fishing Weekend, Weekly Fishing Report, license types and fees, species and season dates, general hook-and-line regulations, and fish identification.

For more information on this document, please contact Tami Pattison at the DNR at 517-335-2745.

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Migrant Resource Councils improve the quality of life of migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families. They accomplish this mission by providing a forum for local coordination and cooperation on matters related to the wellbeing of farmworkers within their service area. Members are public and private agency representatives, growers, farmworkers, and concerned citizens.

The Office of Migrant Affairs, Department of Human Services, oversees the Migrant Resource Councils and provides logistical support.